

CITY AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Apportionment and Taxation of the City of Bridgeport.

In presenting to you, for consideration, the various requisitions of the City departments and officers, for the fiscal year 1921-1922, together with my recommendations, I am, I believe, performing my duty to the best of my ability. It becomes my duty to impress upon you the necessity for the exercise of a wise economy in providing for City needs.

The departments of our City ought to be adequately provided for, avoiding all unnecessary work, or improvements of a character that they may be postponed for one year at least without great detriment to the City or its progress.

Such City departments as Health, Education, Charities, Library, Fire and Police must be efficiently provided for, while some other departments may not be considered as equally important and expenditures may be curtailed, without detriment to the City.

The Chamber of Commerce has inaugurated a study of our municipal affairs and finances and is working in harmony and co-operation with the officers of the City, in ascertaining the City's true condition. I have no doubt, judging from the character

and ability of the men engaged in the work, that the results will be beneficial. Those who pay the taxes should be interested in knowing how the money is expended, and the present examination into our finances will doubtless

bring about a more efficient and well managed City. We all welcome such aid and assistance, for we know full well that improved methods can be put in vogue here as they have been elsewhere in public and private business. We all realize that this is an age of progress and improvement, in every department of life, and our minds ought to be kept open to all progressive demands.

If the Chamber of Commerce will continue to aid and assist, we will be able to make a bureau of research in a non-partisan manner, benefit is bound to follow.

Schools. Education forms the greatest single object of municipal expenditure, and is also the branch of City government in which the growth of expenditure is greatest. Of the entire municipal budget, about 25 per cent. is for care and support of schools.

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Barnum Prize, \$50.00
Bonds, \$10,000.00
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Bonds, Improvement, \$10,000.00
Bonds, New High School, \$8,000.00
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Bonds, Police, \$5,000.00
Bonds, Re-Issue, \$3,000.00
Bonds, Schools, "Series A", \$10,000.00
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Building Commissioners, \$14,050.00
Charter and Ordinance, \$3,000.00
City Attorney, \$6,000.00
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City Treasurer, \$1,200.00
Claims Committee, \$2,000.00
Claims Committee, Misc., \$2,000.00
Claims Committee, Pensions, \$1,500.00
Collector's Office, \$20,214.20
Common Road Repairs, \$4,000.00
Contract and Supply, \$4,000.00
County Tax, \$2,000.00
Culverts, Repairing, \$2,000.00
Dog Tax, \$1,000.00
Dog Wardens, \$1,000.00
Election Expenses, Miscellaneous, \$1,380.00
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Garbage Collection, \$6,000.00
Garbage Disposal, \$5,000.00
Garbage Disposal Plant, \$40,000.00
Health, \$15,832.00
Health, Isolation Hospital, \$18,405.00
Health, Ash Collection, \$6,500.00
Health, Specials, \$4,800.00
Health, Health and Charities Building, \$26,721.08
Hunters' Licenses, \$1,800.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes, \$18,911.25
Land Damages, \$1,000.00
Library Fund, \$1,000.00
Library Fund, Branch, \$2,000.00
Macadam Repairs, \$10,000.00
Miscellaneous, \$2,000.00
Municipal Garage, \$4,000.00
National Guard Tax, \$75,000.00
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Probate Court, \$1,800.00
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School, Building Notes, \$1,612,711.63
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Schools, State Bonus, \$17,181.69
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Schools, Hallen Prize, \$25.00
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Measures, \$3,071.06
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Tax Commissioner, \$25,495.00
Town Clerk, \$1,500.00
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Garbage Disposal Plant, \$40,000.00
Health, \$15,832.00
Health, Isolation Hospital, \$18,405.00
Health, Ash Collection, \$6,500.00
Health, Specials, \$4,800.00
Health, Health and Charities Building, \$26,721.08
Hunters' Licenses, \$1,800.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes, \$18,911.25
Land Damages, \$1,000.00
Library Fund, \$1,000.00
Library Fund, Branch, \$2,000.00
Macadam Repairs, \$10,000.00
Miscellaneous, \$2,000.00
Municipal Garage, \$4,000.00
National Guard Tax, \$75,000.00
Personal Tax, \$2,000.00
Police, \$2,000.00
Poor, Care of, M. Ford Cottage, \$13,000.00
Poor, Care of, Hillside Home, \$9,575.00
Poor, Care of, Hospitals and Asylums, \$62,290.00
Poor, Care of, Office, \$20,415.00
Poor, Care of, Outside, \$54,590.00
Poor, Care of, Specials, \$15,450.00
Probate Court, \$1,800.00
Recreation, Board of, \$6,982.00
Recreation, Board of, \$2,825.00
Recreation, Board of, \$13,800.00
School, Building Notes, \$1,612,711.63
School, Care of, \$57,981.00
Schools, State Bonus, \$17,181.69
Schools, State Trade, \$25.00
Schools, Hallen Prize, \$25.00
Schools, Fairchild Prize, \$25.00
Measures, \$3,071.06
Services and Fees, \$2,400.00
State Tax, 1920 Note for, \$248,577.31
Street Cleaning, General, \$5,000.00
Tax Collections, Deficit, \$60,000.00
Tax Commissioner, \$25,495.00
Town Clerk, \$1,500.00
Trees, Removal, \$1,500.00
Total, \$3,772,705.46

Soldiers' Dependents	2,000.00	\$57,000 Re-Issue	
State Bonds, so-called, 2 years	115,974.00	Bonds, 6 mos., 3 1-2 per cent.	997.50
Total	\$323,774.00	\$54,000 Re-Issue	
		Bonds, 6 mos., 3 1-2 per cent.	945.00

Amount of appropriations	\$3,772,705.46	\$38,000 Betterment	
Deduct receipts from outside sources	323,774.00	Bonds, 6 mos., 3 1-2 per cent.	665.00
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$3,448,931.46	\$38,000 Betterment	
Amount of Grand List, estimated	\$246,000,000.00	Bonds, 6 mos., 3 1-2 per cent.	620.00
A tax of fourteen and 9-10 (14.9) mills on each dollar, will realize	\$3,665,400.00	\$38,000 School	
94 per cent. of same, estimated for collection during fiscal year	\$3,409,822.00	Bonds, 1 yr., 4 1-2 per cent.	14,280.00
Add arrears of taxes to be collected during year, estimated	60,000.00	\$11,000 School	
Available revenue	\$3,469,822.00	Bonds, Series A, 6 mos., 4 1-2 per cent.	5,175.00

Following are the appropriations recommended by me in the Second District		\$11,00
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